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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Release of SNIE 12-2-56, "Probable Developments in East Europe and Implications for Soviet Policy," 30 October 1956

1. The Board of National Estimates has reviewed SNIE 12-2-56 with a view to its release to certain foreign governments and regards the following considerations as pertinent:

a. , Precedent. Of the most recent estimates dealing with the European Satellites, NIE 12-56 was released to the [REDACTED] 25X6
[REDACTED] NIE 10-55 (Resistance Potential) and NIE 12-5-55 (Hungary) were passed to the [REDACTED] 25X6
[REDACTED] NIE 12-54 (Satellite Developments) was given to [REDACTED] 25X6
[REDACTED] and RIR-1 (Resistance in Poland) was released to the [REDACTED] 25X6

c. Classification and Sources. Release of this estimate would not compromise intelligence sources or NOFORN material for which CIA is responsible. The Board is not in position to determine whether its release would compromise NOFORN data or intelligence sources for which other agencies are primarily responsible.

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d. Substantive. From a purely intelligence point of view, the Board would not regard any particular portion of this estimate so sensitive as to warrant deletion in the event of release. However, the Board notes that much of this paper, which was undertaken on a crash basis to meet a specific Planning Board requirement, would probably be of only limited value, if released, because of rapidly moving events in East Europe.

2. Conclusions. The Board sees no objection, from a strictly intelligence viewpoint, to release of this estimate. However, because the paper, taken as a whole, has been, and will continue to be, substantially affected by current developments, the Board recommends that SNIE 12-2-56 not be released to any foreign government.

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